



## Updates to Pearson and ETS Assessments and Tests – May 2020

### Pearson

As of May 20, 2020, Connecticut-based Pearson VUE-owned test centers for Connecticut teacher certification testing are open. Pearson has indicated physical distancing and other measures for each opened site to ensure the safety of testing candidates and Pearson employees. Please see specific guidelines and registration information on the Connecticut Pearson program website ([www.ct.nesinc.com](http://www.ct.nesinc.com)). As well, Pearson provides national updates frequently, including any changes or additions to policies in specific regions ([www.home.pearsonvue.com/coronavirus-update](http://www.home.pearsonvue.com/coronavirus-update)).

### **Pearson edTPA**

With many EPPs and P–12 school districts impacted by COVID-19, Pearson has provided the following guidance to programs and teacher candidates in need of options for successfully preparing and submitting an edTPA portfolio. The following guidance can also be found on [edtpa.com](http://edtpa.com).

### Virtual Learning Environments

The edTPA program has a “Virtual Learning Environment” option available to candidates who prepare and provide instruction to students in virtual learning environments. This option is currently accessed through an alternative arrangements process. For more information and to download the request form, please review the information available on the [Requesting Alternative Arrangements due to a Virtual Learning Environment](#) page.

### Registration Extension Available to Candidates

Teacher candidates have 18-months to prepare and submit a finalized portfolio from the date of edTPA registration, for both initial submissions and retakes. To provide additional support to teacher candidates impacted by COVID-19, all registrations will be extended to expire on December 5, 2021. The extension will apply to open registrations (e.g., initial submissions and retakes) without the need for candidates to contact Pearson.

### Additional Submission and Reporting Dates

Two additional submission and reporting dates have been added to the [2019–2020 submission and reporting schedule](#) to support candidates impacted by school closures due to COVID-19:

- Submit by June 18, 2020, to receive scores on July 9, 2020
- Submit by August 20, 2020, to receive scores on September 10, 2020

Candidates should utilize the current edTPA handbooks available in their portfolio platforms for preparing and submitting portfolios for the remainder of the 2019–2020 submission and reporting schedule. The [2020–2021 edTPA submission and reporting schedule](#) is also available. The schedule provides the submission deadlines with score reporting dates after September 10, 2020. edTPA Coordinators and program faculty members who need additional information, or have questions regarding this topic, may contact edTPA EPP Support at [edtpaeppsupport@pearson.com](mailto:edtpaeppsupport@pearson.com), or by telephone at (866) 613-3278.

### **edTPA Refund Policy**

Per the Governor’s executive order (7X), the requirement for initial licensure candidates to complete edTPA is waived if candidates are unable to complete edTPA due to spring 2020 COVID-19 circumstances. Candidates who are eligible for the waiver **and** who have already registered

for edTPA **but** have not yet submitted a portfolio for official scoring, may be eligible for a full refund of the edTPA submission fee.

### **Candidate Registering by Credit Card**

Candidates who are eligible for a full refund and paid their edTPA registration fee using a credit card will receive their refund in two separate transactions as discussed below.

### **Candidate Registering using EPP-purchased Voucher**

For those candidates who are eligible for a full refund and paid their edTPA registration fee using a program-purchased voucher, the program will receive replacement vouchers. Financial fee credits (also known as financial need waivers) issued by Pearson not available for refund or extension.

edTPA Coordinators and candidates are asked to follow the processes outlined below to receive the full \$300 refund or replenish the EPP-purchased voucher.

#### edTPA Coordinator:

1. Instruct all candidates who meet the state's exemption criteria to withdraw edTPA registration by June 15, 2020 (11:59 PM PDT).
2. Receive access to a secure file, via email from edTPA EPP Support, by June 19, 2020. This file will include a list of candidates identified as eligible for a full refund.
3. Review and confirm eligible candidates in the secure file by June 26, 2020 (11:59 PM PDT). The file will be accompanied with instructions to confirm eligible candidates.
4. Candidates will receive the additional \$100 refund, and the program will receive replacement vouchers within 4-6 weeks.

#### Candidates:

1. Withdraw their edTPA registration by June 15, 2020 (11:59 PM PST).
  - To withdraw, log into their edTPA.com account, select "Current Registrations", then "Withdraw", and follow the instructions provided.
  - Once registration is withdrawn, the portfolio will no longer be accessible in the Pearson ePortfolio system. Candidates should save files prior to withdrawing their registration if they want to retain a copy of their portfolio.
2. If a candidate paid the registration fee:
  - The standard \$200 refund will be issued by Pearson within four weeks of withdrawal.
  - The additional \$100 refund will be issued by Pearson within four to six weeks of their EPP's confirmation. Note: If a candidate does not withdraw before June 15, 2020, the candidate will not receive the additional \$100.
3. If a candidate applied a voucher toward the registration fee, a refund or credit of the voucher amount will not be issued to the candidate.

Please submit all questions regarding this process to [edTPAEPPSupport@pearson.com](mailto:edTPAEPPSupport@pearson.com).

#### ETS:

ETS has introduced a solution that will allow teacher-candidates to take a *Praxis*<sup>®</sup> exam at home or other secure location while test centers are closed due to coronavirus (COVID-19). *Praxis at Home* offers teacher-candidates the same test and to be supported by the same services as the tests offered in test

centers. The only difference is that the solution will be proctored remotely by a trained specialist through our collaborator Proctor U®. ETS has worked closely with Proctor U to ensure that testing meets ETS high standards of accuracy and security. As of May 15, 2020, registration for ETS home testing is open for test takers across the country with testing sessions beginning on May 18, 2020 ([www.ets.org/s/cv/important-update](http://www.ets.org/s/cv/important-update)).

In addition, as of May 15, 2020, Prometric® (primary testing venue for ETS testing) will resume in-person testing at select Prometric test centers across the country. Prometric will communicate directly with candidates to confirm existing appointments and where applicable, to those who previously were advised that their appointment was impacted by testing site closures to make them aware of the reopening of testing centers. Per Prometric, the reopening of test centers will follow all respective local, state, and federal guidelines. All test centers that reopen will implement the required social distancing measures and safeguards to ensure the health and safety of test takers and test center staff. Please check the Prometric website ([www.prometric.com/corona-virus-update](http://www.prometric.com/corona-virus-update)) for daily updates and detailed information on the safety measures at Prometric testing centers.